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1. EMBOFF MET JULY 6 WITH ORHAN KOLOGLU, REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY LIAISON OFFICER FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS AND PRESS, TO DISCUSS ECEVIT'S UPCOMING TRIP TO THE US. EMBOFF GAVE KOLOGLU DETAILS IN REFTEL, AND KOLOGLU PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND COMMENTS: A. ECEVIT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, PARTY DEPUTY SECGEN HASAN ESAT ISIK, AND KOLOGLU.

B. ECEVIT HAS ADVANCED HIS DEPARTURE DATE FROM TURKEY.

HE NOW PLANS TO FLY VIA PANAM 111 NON-STOP ISTANBUL-NEW YORK,

ARRIVING AT KENNEDY AIRPORT AT 1535 EDT JULY 25.

C. ECEVIT WANTS MONDAY, JULY 26, KEPT FREE FOR RESTING

AND PERHAPS A LITTLE SIGHTSEEING. ON TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 27,

HE WILL BE READY TO BEGIN PUBLIC APPEARANCES, MEDIA CONTACTS,

ETC., AS MAY BE ARRANGED BY DEPARTMENT FOR THAT DAY. HE

LOOKS FORWARD TO HIS PROGRAM AT THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS THAT EVENING AND IS WELL ALONG IN THE PREPARATION OF HIS

D. ALTEMUR KILIC, CHIEF OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AT TURKISH UN MISSION, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST DEPARTMENT IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH NEWS MEDIA.

E. KOLOGLU AND OTHER ECEVIT SUPPORTERS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT RISK TO ECEVIT'S LIFE DURING THIS TRIP, BUT TRUST THAT US IS TAKING ALL FEASIBLE PRECAUTIONS. KOLOGLU SAID THAT DETAILS CONFIDENTIAL

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OF ECEVIT'S TRAVEL PLANS WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE RELEASED EVEN

TO OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE PARTY. (EMBOFF ASSURED KOLOGLU THAT DEPARTMENT SHARED THIS CONCERN, WAS ARRANGING SECURITY MEASURES, AND WAS KEEPING ALL MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT CLASSIFIED.) F. ECEVIT LIKES TRAINS AND WOULD PREFER TO TRAVEL BY RAIL RATHER THAN BY AIR WHEREEVER POSSIBLE, SUCH AS BETWEEN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, AND PERHAPS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND NORTH CAROLINA.

G. AS REGARDS HOTEL RESERVATIONS, A SUITE SHOULD BE RESERVED FOR MR. AND MRS. ECEVIT AT EACH STOP SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE ROOM TO RECEIVE CALLERS AND MEET WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION. ISIK AND KOLOGLU WISH SINGLE ROOMS. SINCE THIS IS PRIVATELY FUNDED TRIP, ECEVIT WOULD PREFER MODERATELY PRICED BUT "DECENT AND COMFORTABLE" HOTELS AT THOSE PLACES WHERE LODGING IS NOT PROVIDED BY HOSTS. H. KOLOGLU WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK JULY 20 VIA KLM 641 TO ACT AS ADVANCE MAN FOR VISIT.

2. PLEASE INFORM DR. ZYGMUNT NAGORSKY AT COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS THAT ECEVIT'S CFR SPEECH TOPIC WILL BE "DETENTE, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND DEMOCRACY". IN ADDITION, PLEASE GIVE NAGORSKY NAMES OF MEMBERS OF DELEGATION, SINCE PRESUMABLY HE WILL WISH TO INCLUDE THEM IN EVENING PLANS. MACOMBER

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